

House Resolution No. 2945

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge a milestone event in the community of Chesterfield, Missouri; and

Whereas, on Saturday, May 17, 2003, the Chesterfield Fire Protection District will commemorate the life, leadership, and work of its first Fire Chief, the late Otto Biele, by naming its new state-of-the-art Training Tower in his honor with a special tribute of eternal gratitude; and

Whereas, known for his unquestioned devotion to training and education in the ever-important field of fire service, Otto Biele served as Fire Chief from 1959 to 1974, during which time Chesterfield Fire Protection District facilities and personnel greatly increased to keep pace with population growth in the surrounding area and enhanced the scope of its services by initiating ambulance service; and

Whereas, one of the initial group of paid firefighters, Fire Chief Otto Biele took the helm after the Circuit Court in 1957 created the present Chesterfield Fire Protection District as the largest fire district in St. Louis County with responsibilities for a service area of sixty-two square miles; and

Whereas, Fire Chief Otto Biele brought to his leadership of the Chesterfield Fire Protection District an exceptional amount of knowledge and skills which he had gleaned since 1925 as a volunteer with the Bellefontaine Volunteer Fire Department, the immediate precursor of the Chesterfield Fire Protection District; an employee of Atlas Powder Company and Granite City Engineers Depot, where he served as Captain of its private fire department; Assistant Chief of the Glendale Fire Department; and a Captain in the Town and Country Fire Department; and

Whereas, Otto Biele's love of service was passed down to his two sons, William Biele, who retired as Chief of the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District, and Clifford "Chip" Biele, who has served as Chief of the Chesterfield Fire Protection District since January 7, 1995:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to remember the stellar service and impressive lifetime achievements associated with Fire Chief Otto Biele of the Chesterfield Fire Protection District and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they posthumously dedicate a long-awaited Training Tower to his memory; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Fire Chief Otto H. Biele.

Offered by _____
Representative Neal St. Onge
District No. 88

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2945, adopted May 15, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker